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via E-Mail

Dear Chairman Isenberg:

I am a docent at Año Nuevo and Long Marine Lab on the Central Coast, and consider our oceans among the area's most valuable assets. I've been very pleased to receive news of your substantial progress on implementing MLPA. Thanks, keep it going!

I understand you've been soliciting input from prominent individuals on their top priorities for MLPA, and I'd like to convey mine.

First, I want to see the promise of an "effective" network of marine reserves fulfilled. Second, I want the Central Coast project area to include the marine areas that I think of as extensions of my back yard: Monterey Bay, Carmel Bay, and the Big Sur Coast. I'd be happy with a somewhat larger area, I understand you've received proposals to link this area with the coast continuing northward from Monterey Bay, to include the San Mateo Coast, the Golden Gate, Point Reyes and Bodega Bay. That sounds good to me.

Third, I want scientists, who best know the effective use of marine reserves, to be the ones to assess whether the proposals you receive will achieve the goals of the MLPA. Fourth, I am hoping that the funding of on going long term research will be funded so that we get a handle on the great resources we seem to be quickly loosing in our near shore waters. Mr. Isenberg, I thank you and your staff, and the rest of the Task Force, for taking the time to look over my concerns. I'm glad for the opportunity to comment, and appreciate your efforts in involving interested citizens like me.

Sincerely,

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